

MAY ACT ON BROWNLOW NOMINATION TOMORROW

Chairman Smith of Senate District Committee Considers Calling Meeting.

Senator John Walter Smith, chairman of the Senate District Committee, is considering the desirability and feasibility of calling a meeting of that committee tomorrow to consider a number of matters of importance now before it, including the nomination of Louis Brownlow to be District Commissioner in place of Frederick L. Siddons, who resigned to take his place on the District bench.

The great difficulty of obtaining a quorum for a meeting of the committee was so many other committees are meeting daily may cause a postponement of the committee meeting. If the meeting is postponed, it is likely Senator Smith will call the committee on the Brownlow nomination and report as soon as possible to the Senate.

No protests have been received by Senator Smith against the confirmation of Mr. Brownlow, and it is expected that his confirmation will be speedily accomplished.

Favors Investigation Project.

The District committee also has before it the Sterling joint resolution providing for an investigation into the method of appropriating for the District and the system of taxation here.

The resolution is identical with the one adopted by the House in 1912, and which was defeated on a point of order. Senator Smith believes strongly that such an investigation should be made so as to settle if possible the question of the propriety of the half-and-half principle whenever the District appropriation bill has come up for consideration in the last few years.

"I do not see how any one could oppose such an investigation," said Senator Smith. "Opposition to it would be equivalent to saying 'we don't want any light on this subject.'"

ADDINGTON RESUMES BASE BALL ARGUMENT

Feds' Chief Counsel Calls Players' Contract a Mere Scrap of Paper.

CHICAGO, January 21.—The players' contract was called a mere scrap of paper by Kenney H. Addington, the Federal League chief counsel, resuming his argument before Judge Landis today in the anti-trust suit against organized baseball.

Addington declared there was no real modification of relations between clubs and players despite changes in the option section of contracts and the elimination from some of the ten-day clauses, which have been made within the last year or two.

"The contracts were changed, but the national agreement and the practices under which organized ball conducts its business were not," he said. "The player thinks he gets something in this contract and its changes; he gets nothing. The contract is designed for use in court; the national agreement and the rules of the national commission still govern the game."

Quotes Bissell Opinion.

Addington, quoting portions of the opinion in which Federal Judge Bissell of Grand Rapids, dissolving the Chicago Americans' injunction against Hal Chase, brought out the fact that a player, under the national agreement, has no real choice regarding salaries and homes, and cited authorities to emphasize the right to labor.

There was a falling off in attendance today. Not only were many fans who yesterday crowded the courtroom and the corridors absent, but the assemblage of managers was notably less. Representatives of organized baseball were still hopeful that both sides would have presented their cases by the end of the week.

The condition of 100,000 Armenians who have migrated from Turkish territory to Russian Trans-Caucasia is described as deplorable.

PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE ON WAR IS INDORSED

Union of American Hebrew Congregations Adopts Resolution.

CHICAGO, January 21.—At its closing session here today the Union of American Hebrew Congregations adopted a resolution indorsing President Wilson's attitude on the European war. Members of the executive board of the union were elected.

"We have relinquished all expectation of a rebirth of Jewish nationality and a restoration of a Jewish state," declared Rabbi David Philipson of Cincinnati in an address yesterday. "This union, constituted as it is on a religious basis, is the embodiment of the interpretation of Judaism, by what is popularly known as the reform movement. The great leaders of that movement in this country, Isaac M. Wise, David Einhorn, Max Lienthal, Samuel Hirsch, Samuel Adler and James K. Gutwin, and their contemporaries, and we, their successors, stress the religious note as all predominate."

"The people Jewish as a separate community is a religious people, set apart in the outworking historic forces to be a priest people, demonstrating by its remarkable experiences throughout the ages that not by might and not by strength, but by the spirit of God, has it persevered and prevailed."

Destruction Providential.

"The destruction of the Jewish state by the Romans and the accompanying cessation of Jewish national existence we look upon as providential; we have relinquished all expectation of a rebirth of Jewish nationality and a restoration of a Jewish state. In our view Judaism is not a policy of statecraft, but a religion; the Jew as Jew is a follower of that religion; the Jewish community is a religious body."

"As such, then, we stand, a religious organization, bound by a thousand ties to our great historic past, but not permitting the dead hand of that past to bar the progress of the present, recognizing the continuity of God's revelation in the past and the present, and interpreting our Judaism in the light of a universal religion for all lands and not a national religion for one land."

Urges Great Organization.

"It would appear that this union should once again take the initiative and work toward the consummation of that great need of American Jewish life, an organization of organizations. Aye, not only in American Jewish life, but in international Jewish life. Such an American organization would doubtless lead to similar associations in other lands and finally into an international organization which would represent Jewish interests on all necessary occasions. Such an occasion will present itself, for example, at the meeting of the present murderous war now in progress among the nations, in the ranks of all whom the Jews are fighting by the side of their fellow men and winning encomiums on all hands for their bravery and self-sacrifice. Then will arise the opportunity for the safeguarding of the rights of the Jews in Russia and other persecuting lands."

DECIDE TO HOLD FOOD SHOW.

Retail Grocers Also Plan Excursions and Elect Officers.

The Retail Grocers' Protective Association held a meeting last night at the Jolly Fat Men's Club, and decided that Washington is to have another "food show" this year. The dates selected are from November 1 to 13.

The grocers selected Chesapeake Beach as the place for the annual excursion of the organization, with June 23 as the date.

Election of officers resulted as follows: J. H. Goodrich, president; G. E. Bohannon, first vice president; C. V. Sparrow, second vice president; E. G. Schmidt, treasurer; Perry P. Fiedler, secretary; Charles F. Diers, counsel; directors, J. H. Goodrich, G. E. Bohannon, C. V. Sparrow, E. G. Schmidt, M. J. Whelan, F. A. Dodge, G. W. Sialr, J. Brayshaw, Jr., H. S. Haight, H. T. Guber, L. F. Lusby, J. E. Diggle, H. C. Roberson, R. E. Roberson, E. W. Schmidt.

Money Order Transactions Resumed.

Postal money order transactions with European countries, suspended at the outbreak of the war, have been resumed with the exception of Belgium and Austria, the latter not including Hungary.

CALL FOR CAUCUS ISSUED

House Democrats to Meet February 4 to Nominate Speaker and Other Officers.

The call for the caucus of the House Democrats for February 4 to organize the House for the next Congress was issued today. The call follows:

"At the request of many members-elect of the Sixty-fourth Congress, and in accordance with the custom heretofore prevailing, a caucus of the democratic members-elect of the House of Representatives for the Sixty-fourth Congress is hereby called to convene in the hall of the House of Representatives at 8 p.m., February 4, 1915, for the purpose of nominating a Speaker and other officers of the House and the selection of the majority members for the ways and means committee, and of taking such other preliminary steps toward the organization of the House of Representatives for the Sixty-fourth Congress as the caucus may see fit."

(Signed) "A. MITCHELL PALMER, Chairman Democratic Caucus."

"Justice" W. A. ASHBROOK, Secretary.

"J. J. SINNOTT, Sergeant-at-Arms." All the present officers of the House from the Speaker down are expected to be re-elected, and Representatives McGillicuddy of Maine, Allen of Ohio and others are candidates for election as members of the House ways and means committee.

Francis F. Gillen Injured.

Francis F. Gillen, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, was painfully injured Tuesday while superintending the work of terracing the high bank along the east side of the street at Meridian Hill Park. The bank is being terraced by blasting. Mr. Gillen was struck in the face by a stone. His nose was broken and he has otherwise injured. He is at the Episcopal Ear, Eye and Throat Hospital.

Chamber of Commerce Delegates.

D. J. Callahan, Chapin Brown and H. H. Glasie have been appointed delegates to represent the Washington Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, scheduled to be held in this city February 3-5.

Baker Hurt in Runaway.

Otto Beuchert, a baker, was painfully injured Tuesday morning about 4 o'clock as a result of a runaway accident near 14th and East Capitol streets. The horse became frightened when part of the harness became disarranged and Beuchert was thrown from the wagon. He sustained injuries to his legs and a broken finger. The injured man was admitted to his home at 327 10th street southeast, and it is probable that he will be unable to get out for several days.

WOULD END DELAYS OVER NEW PARKWAY

Senator Saulsbury Hopes to Tack Resolution on Appropriation Measure.

Senator Saulsbury of Delaware said today that he hopes to be able to add his joint resolution introduced in the Senate January 3, which makes certain provisions for the connecting parkway proposed between Rock Creek and Potomac parks, to one of the appropriation bills at the present session of Congress.

Senator Saulsbury is of the opinion that the resolution, which provides \$75,000 for beginning the work on the connecting parkway authorized in the public buildings and grounds act of March 4, 1913, may properly be added to this year's sundry civil appropriation bill.

Now in Committee.

The resolution, which was referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds of the Senate, is now in that committee, awaiting action by the Senate. The committee, composed of the Secretaries of War, Agriculture and the Treasury, and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, has held several meetings to consider the resolution, and the committee has agreed to report it favorably to the Senate.

Actual Work Not Started.

Although Congress passed the law providing for the connecting parkway between Potomac, Zoological and Rock Creek parks nearly two years ago, the physical work of making the connection has not yet been begun for the reason that the authorization carried with it no appropriation, and it is said at the Department of Justice that money will be absolutely necessary to the extent of at least \$25,000 before any further steps can be taken toward acquiring the land title involved.

Three attorneys of the Department of Justice, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Beach and new Henry H. Glasie, have had charge of the matter of acquiring the titles from time to time, Mr. Glasie having recently taken up the land title work of the department in succession to Morgan H. Beach. Mr. Glasie said today that he is perfectly willing to go ahead with the work as soon as Congress provides money for the preliminary work of obtaining titles. Abstracts must be made by title companies, he said, they being in possession of records which the Department of Justice has not.

One Cause of Delay during the almost two years that have passed since Con-

gress authorized the connecting parkway has been that the language of the enabling act provided that the connecting parkway should be made in accordance with a map of preliminary survey on file in the surveyor's office of the District of Columbia. After Congress passed the law, the District surveyor, M. C. Hazen, caused each parcel of land in the proposed parkway to be resurveyed and the original surveys were not exactly accurate. In some cases the preliminary map showed property that the original surveys showed would require for the connecting parkway and in others it failed to show property that would undoubtedly be required for the connection.

Other Questions at Issue.

Among the other questions that came up were the possibility that a number of graves in Oak Hill cemetery might be disturbed, if the lines of the preliminary map were exactly followed, and the possibility that great hardship would be worked upon the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the Georgetown Gas Company.

In these circumstances, engineers and counsel, representing the various interests, held consultation with the District surveyor, the Secretaries of War and Agriculture and the Treasury, as well as the Department of Justice officials, with the result that the commission of fine arts was asked to appraise the next map which has no more come the standard, and is known as the commission of fine arts' plan.

Designed to End Difficulties.

The resolution introduced by Senator Saulsbury is intended to straighten out these difficulties. Senator Saulsbury said today that he thinks it is absurd that Washington should have Sunday parks without connections between them, and hopes that Congress will pass the resolution at the present session, so that work may be done in accordance with the act of Congress of two years ago.

The resolution, in brief, provides that the connecting parkway commission shall have power in its discretion to amend the map on file in the office of the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia, which is the map alluded to as being on file in the District surveyor's office, as to exclude lands not needed and to include lands needed for the execution of the plan for the said parkway, which has been approved by the commission of fine arts. It is provided, however, that the total area of lands finally to be acquired for said parkway shall not exceed the area authorized to be acquired by the act of March 4, 1913.

The resolution further provides that the commission be authorized to settle and compromise all questions and controversies between the United States and adverse claimants of titles to lands within or adjacent to the area desired for the parkway, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

\$75,000 Is Appropriated.

Toward the acquisition of the lands and the payment of the expenses incident thereto the resolution appropriates the sum of \$75,000. It is further provided that the lands when acquired shall be a part of the park system of the District of Columbia.

Col. Hart, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, Mr. Glasie, at-

torney for land titles of the Department of Justice, and others who will have to do with the actual work of acquiring the parcels of land for the connection between the parks, express themselves as ready to proceed with their task as soon as Congress votes the necessary small appropriation. It is said that perhaps not as much as \$75,000 would be needed to begin work certainly not that much for acquiring the abstracts of titles, the first requisite. Col. Hart is the executive officer of the connecting parkway commission. Mr. Glasie's interest in the work comes about as the result of the adoption of a resolution by the connecting parkway commission two years ago requesting the Department of Justice to proceed to acquire the necessary land titles.

THAW MANDATE ISSUED.

Supreme Court Order Goes to New York Today by Mail.

The final step by the Supreme Court of the United States in disposing of the Harry K. Thaw extradition case was taken today by its clerk, James D. Maher, issuing the court's mandate in the matter. As the request for the mandate by the New York state officials was not made special, the document was not placed in the mails in time to reach New York city until late tonight. This will prevent Deputy Attorney General Franklin Kennedy and William Travers Jerome leaving New York tonight, as originally planned, to present the mandate personally to the officials of the federal district court in New Hampshire.

The mandate directs the judge of the New Hampshire court to set aside his order by which he held Thaw could not be extradited from New Hampshire to New York as a fugitive from justice.

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